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SUBJECT: KNESSET SPEAKER EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR ADVANCING
ANTI-TRAFFICKING, OTHER LEGISLATION

1. (SBU) During his July 12 meeting with Knesset Speaker Dalia Itzik (septel), the Ambassador asked for Itzik's support in advancing legislative initiatives in three areas: anti-trafficking in labor, copyright law, and export controls. Regarding the first, the Ambassador noted that Israel's current anti-trafficking laws do not prohibit trafficking in labor. Itzik said that she would check to see how she could push forward the legislation currently pending in the Knesset that addresses this issue. She also told the Ambassador that she would check on the status of draft copyright legislation currently before the Knesset.

2. (SBU) The Ambassador also requested Itzik's support for export control legislation that would, inter alia, provide a basis for better handling of dual use issues. Itzik noted that the GOI had not yet submitted draft legislation on this issue to the Knesset. The Ambassador said that the legislation may be presented soon after the Knesset recess, scheduled to last from July 20 until mid-October. Itzik's diplomatic advisor, Ambassador Ya'akov Levy, who also attended the meeting, said that "we will be very mindful" of this issue after the recess; Itzik indicated that she agreed.

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